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Every day for 26 years, Anthony Das has been hoisting the National Flag atop Vidhana Soudha. How many have the privilege, he asks

FLYING TRICOLOURS

Das lost his fingers in an accident when he was nine

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Anthony Das has had the privilege of either hoisting or lowering the National Flag atop the Vidhana Soudha for the last 26 years. Das is one of the six Group D employees working in three shifts at the Vidhana Soudha to hoist and lower the tricolour every day. He is physically challenged.

"I consider myself as the most privileged and lucky person to have this opportunity. I got this job on compassionate grounds when my father Rachaiah passed away while discharging a similar duty. I did not have the opportunity to pursue higher studies due to poverty. Those days, my father used to get a meagre amount. He used to give Rs 250 to my mother per month," said Das while playing with his grandson at his residential quarters situated at Carlton House.

Das told BM that he has always been ready to discharge his duty — either to hoist or lower the National Flag. "How many people, including senior government officers, have the

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"I want to continue hoisting/ lowering the National Flag for as many years as possible. I have four more years to retire..."

— Anthony Das, Group D employee

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Medicos demand one-year bond be cancelled as 9,000-odd await counselling



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Dr. Savitha Rani.M is working in Ramaiah Institute Of Technology, Bangalore



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- Narendra Modi

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Vice capital

Highest number of stalking cases in state in Bengaluru; 35,331 crimes against women reported in 2020

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According to the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for the year 2020, the city witnessed 11 cases of voyeurism and 52 cases of stalking.

A peek into the categories of crime showed that there were 635 deaths due to road accidents (mainly caused by negligence) in Bengaluru, with 155 such cases being related to hit-and-runs.

Bengaluru, often called the medical tourism capital of the country, had seen only one case of death due to medical negligence, while there were 18 deaths due to negligence of civic bodies.

This points towards the badly maintained roads that are often responsible for injury and death.

Among other crimes, there were 28 cases reported in the city due to dowry and one case of acid attack. Around 103 cases of sexual harassment were also reported. Although many offices had work-from-home in place, there were nine cases of harassment at work and two in public places. Besides this, there were 712 cases of kidnapping/abduction.

The realty sector is also adding to the crime scene. A majority of the disputes reaching the police stations are related to property. Around 50 land and property dispute cases were reported in the city, three were related to money, and five due to family.

Despite a decline in thefts compared to the previous year, the city still reported 5,332 theft cases, mostly belonging to autos or two-wheelers (3,797). There were 911 burglaries and a majority of them happened at night (781). Surprisingly, there were 32 dacoities in the city last year.

Rash driving cases continue



India reported a total of 2,533 rape cases across metropolitan cities in 2020, of which 108 occurred in Bengaluru

Most of the reported crimes against women were registered under 'cruelty by husband or his relatives' (30.2%)

to rise in the city with a whopping 2,666 cases being reported last year. 443 of them were on public roads, while in 727 cases, people were injured. 1,496 cases resulted in grievous injuries.

Four people were held in Bengaluru for spreading fake news/rumours as well.

108 rape cases in Bengaluru

During 2020, India reported a total of 2,533 cases of rape across metropolitan cities, with Delhi accounting for the maximum 967 (38 per cent) cases followed by 409 in Jaipur (16 per cent), 322 in Mumbai (12 per cent), the NCRB data showed.

Bengaluru reported 108 rape cases, Chennai 31 and Kolkata 11 during the year. Of the total rape victims in the 2,533 cases, 2,448 were above the age of 18 years while the remaining were minors, according to the NCRB, which is responsible for collecting and analysing crime data as defined by the Indian Penal Code and special and local laws in the country.

A total of 35,331 cases of crimes against women were registered during 2020, showing a decrease of 21.1 per cent over 2019 (44,783 cases), the annual crime report stated.

Most of these crimes against women were registered under 'cruelty by husband or his relatives' (30.2 per cent).

This was followed by 'assault on women with intent to outrage her modesty' (19.7 per cent), 'kidnapping and abduction of women' (19 per cent), and 'rape' (7.2 per cent), the report by NCRB added.

Woman stabs partner over 'mobile friend'

Police have arrested a 22-year-old woman on charges of stabbing her live-in partner over a petty quarrel, police said on Sunday.

The arrested woman has been identified as Ashwitha from Kodagu and the victim Mahesh (25) hails from Hassan. According to police, the incident took place on Saturday when the victim questioned Ashwitha over her mobile phone chats. Mahesh worked as a food delivery boy and Ashwitha stayed at home and was constantly talking on her mobile phone.

Whenever he questioned her, she quarrelled with him. On August 6, when Mahesh questioned her aggressively over her 'mobile friend', she took out a knife and stabbed him repeatedly in the chest and neck.

— IANS

Police delay leads to elderly woman's murder

An 83-year-old woman, who called up police saying she will be killed, was shockingly found murdered at her home in Bengaluru, police said on Sunday. The deceased has been identified as Jayashree. Police sources explain that the elderly woman had made multiple calls to the police station seeking protection.

Following the request, jurisdictional police had arranged for a police beat near her house - but in vain. After the death of her husband, she chose to live alone in the house built by him. Police investigations show that she was murdered late on Friday night. The killers have absconded with her jewels. The security guard from Nepal is also missing and police are suspecting his role. The body was found by a tenant who informed the police about the incident. — IANS

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Good 'ol clay: Ganesha goes eco-friendly

Sales of clay idols hit the roof; sellers attribute it to ban on plastic, plaster of paris

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As people gear up to celebrate Ganesha Chaturthi with pomp after a pandemic hiatus, sales of Ganesha idols are hitting the roof, but with a small difference. Thanks to BBMP's ban on plastic and plaster of paris idols, sellers of eco-friendly Ganesha idols have said that compared to the last few years, they have seen an increase in the sale of clay Ganesha idols.

Sellers also said that people have become more aware of the benefits of clay idols.

Balaji D, owner of A B Prakruthi Ganesha Arts, a wholesaler of clay Ganesha idols, said, "Compared to the last two years, there has been at least a 50 per cent increase in the sale and more people are asking for clay Ganesha idols."

Madhavi Abhijeet Jadhav, owner of Atharva Eco Friendly Ganesha idols, said that they have also seen a significant increase in the sale of clay idols.



Demand for clay idols has reportedly gone up since the BBMP banned idol immersion in lakes last year

Using clay idols will not harm the environment in any way, and it is a responsible way of celebrating

— Abhijith K, environmentalist

Abhijith K, an environmentalist in the city, explained how unlike plaster of paris idols, clay idols dissolve within a few hours in water.

"Moreover, they are made from natural substances, hence using clay idols will not harm the environment in any way and it is a responsible way of celebrating a festival," he added.

Abhijeet Shridhar Jadhav, her husband who also helps her with the

store, said, "There has been at least 10 per cent increase in the sales. This time, people are demanding more specific Ganesha idols. Mostly, the idols which are between the height of 2.5 feet to 4 feet are in heavy demand and the cost of these idols vary between Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000. People this time want to celebrate the festival in a grand way, so they are also spending more behind these idols."

The idol sellers have also said that after BBMP banned the immersion of Ganesha idols in the lakes last year, the demand for clay Ganesha idols have increased. Moreover, no two clay idols are the same. Each clay idol has its own uniqueness.

Rekha B, residing in Sarjapur, said, "This year we are planning to buy a clay Ganesha for celebrating our festival, and we have also asked our neighbours to use clay idols only because they are good for the environment. The lakes and other water bodies in the city are already in a precarious condition and it is important that we take small steps to make them better."



BM's report on Aug 13 spoke of KSPCB's eco-friendly initiative for Ganesha Chaturthi this year

BMTC ramps up standard buses

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BMTC has launched the first range of ramp-accessible standard-floor buses to cater to physically disabled individuals.

These would be the first 75 of 300 electric buses with extended range, allowing BMTC to run on long-distance routes.

The launch of these 12-m-long electric buses from Switch Mobility Automotive Limited occurred a day ahead of Independence Day.

BMTC Director (IT) AV Surya Sen told BM, "As per mandate from Government of India and under FAME-II Subsidy criteria, the buses have to be disabled-friendly. The retractable ramps will be controlled



Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the bus launch event

by the driver. Volvo buses are already wheelchair friendly. This would be the first time that a BMTC standard-floor bus would be wheelchair compatible."

These buses are non-AC and have a 40-seat capacity with Vehicle Tracking Units, CCTV, LED route display boards, and an emergency panic button. These buses will also enable

BMTC gets pricey

Shanthinagar Traffic and Transit Management Center (TTMC) has become costly for people wanting to park at their pay-and-park facility, owing to the Lalbagh flower show. While on regular days, they charge Rs 10 per hour for two-wheelers, they were charged Rs 30 on account of the show. BMTC will be charging high parking fares for today and tomorrow and revert to set rates after the show ends. The 6-floor parking facility invites parking from even non-BMTC users.

remote, real-time diagnostics, and monitoring services.

They will also be equipped with a 189KW lithium-polymer battery and can be operated for 150 km with a

single charge. The current fleet of electric vehicles can run up to 100 km.

Everyday these buses will run for 225 km, and four depots have been identified for providing charging opportunities - Kempegowda Yeshwanthpur, Kengeri, and Central Silk Board bus stations.

Routes: 10 buses from Kempegowda Bus Station to Vidyanagar (276), 20 buses from Shivajinagar to Yelahanka (290E), 10 buses from Yelahanka to Kengeri Bus Station (401K), 15 buses from KBS to Yelahanka Satellite Town (402B), 20 from Hebbal to Central Silk Board (500D).

The buses will be operated under Gross Cost Contract Model.

The buses have been granted Rs 55 lakh from the Centre and Rs 33.33 lakh from the State.

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This big pothole on the intersection of 13th Main and 11th Cross, Sahakar Nagar is causing accidents.

Uncertainty & dismay for state medical students

Final year MD, MS, and MBBS students are in distress due to delays in counselling; they want one-year service bond to be cancelled

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Final-year medical students who are required to serve the government for one year after completion of their course are demanding the one-year bond be cancelled, as the state government has been postponing their counselling, leaving them without work for the past three months.

As per the provisions of the Karnataka Compulsory Medical Services Act, all postgraduates and undergraduates passed out from Karnataka are required to serve the government for one year. Every year the counselling is done after the results and the doctors are posted to various hospitals across the state.

The results of the current Doctor of Medicine (MD) and Master of Surgery (MS) batch were announced by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) on June 18, 2022, and the MBBS graduates finished their course in May 2022. Immediately after the results, the Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD) requested the authorities of the Directorate of Medical Education, Health and Family Welfare Department to immediately conduct counselling.

After multiple requests, the department finally released the notification on July 18, 2022. Further, a second notification was released on July 28, 2022, extending the registration for 10 more days.

A resident doctor told Bangalore Mirror, "We requested the department to not delay further and release



vacancies and conduct counselling as soon as possible. As per the second revised schedule, the vacancy list was supposed to be announced on August 8. However, there was another revision in the schedule which has again delayed the announcement of vacancies by 12 days. It clearly shows the lack of intent with which the government is pursuing the current counselling. The only answer we get is it's waiting for financial approval."

With the university exams being over in May and results released in June this year, it's almost two months

since the doctors have been living with uncertainty.

Another resident doctor said, "There are around 2,000 MD/MS and 7,000 MBBS doctors whose services cannot be utilized by the citizens as the counselling is postponed time and again." However, states like Maharashtra and Kerala are already through with their counselling process. Delhi had also meanwhile given orders to extend the services to MD and MS in May itself.

Maharashtra's counselling results were announced on August 8. In Ker-

ala, the students have joined compulsory medical service within one week of announcing exam results

"The past three years have been challenging for us. The brunt of the pandemic, and having been the ground force in the majority of the state-run hospitals which were overfilled with covid patients, we gave our best in our capacities and served society. It is unacceptable the way the government is treating us now," added the doctor.

In a letter written to various government officials, KARD members added, "With no clarity on counselling our future is in total disarray. We have families to take care of. As the duration of uncertainty increases it has increased our mental stress. We are neither able to join other hospitals because of the bond nor neither able to plan the future of our academic careers. The Government has to act immediately and conduct the counselling or else let us free from compulsory medical service so that we can at least think of further academics or career."

Folks, think before you ink

Increase in tattoo infections in city; unsanitised needles reason for spread

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Are you thinking of getting a tattoo? Beware, as there has been an increase in the number of people suffering from an infection after getting tattoos. Most infected people got their tattoos from cheaper and smaller studios to save money.

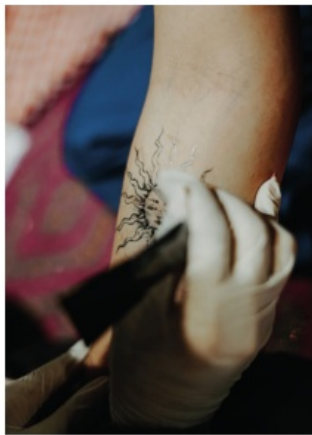
Infected people told Bangalore Mirror that they suffered from severe fever, with their skin infected for days.

Rimshi Sharma, a student, said, "I was trying to get a tattoo for a long time, but all the places were stating prices which were out of my budget. After searching a lot, I found a small shop in Chickpet and the price range was within my limits. After two or three days there was puss oozing out of it and I was in extreme pain."

She added that it took her weeks, and several visits to the doctors to heal.

People prefer tattoo studios that charge less money to get a tattoo, unaware of the consequences.

Yash Agarwal, a freelancer, said, "I found a place where they were making tattoos for a lesser price, and I decided to get a tattoo on my back. The entire area was red and itching even after one week. Initially, I thought that it was my skin's reaction. I consulted a doctor after a week and he said that my tattoo was infected."



Many infected tattoos got botched up after getting healed from the infection. Hemanth Ashok, an IT professional, said, "After the infection healed, my tattoo ended up looking so bad within just two months of getting it. The complete design had spread across my arm."

The reasons for such infections are mostly unsanitised equipment and needles used by tattoo artists.

Karthik K, a tattoo artist, said, "The small tattoo shops usually do not check the needles before they use them. They do not clean the equipment and sometimes they even reuse the needles to save money, which ends up giving infections. I have seen a lot of clients who have come to me with botched-up tattoos and got them fixed. So, it is very important to go to places where the people would take the needles and other equipments out of the covers in front of the clients."

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Independence day special

People flock to Lalbagh to see the Flower Show on the eve of I-Day

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This year, flag sellers, buyers shunned plastic

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Ensuring the appropriate disposal of national flags made of plastic commensurate with the dignity of the flag has been a problem every year. But this year, there is a big change as Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials report that the sale of plastic flags have come down by 80%.

BBMP marshals have upped their check on plastic usage and it seems to have worked.

For instance in the Mahadevapura zone, a marshal said, "We have been checking all the stores and a maximum number of stores have been selling cloth flags on wooden sticks. Very few stores were seen selling paper flags on plastic sticks and we seized the sticks. But in comparison to the previous years, there was an 80% drop in the number of plastic flags."

Weeks before independence day,



Dhwaja Satyagraha at Ragi Kana Santhe on Sunday. Led by renowned theatre personality and handloom activist Prasanna, several were fasting to protest against the changes in the Flag Code of India

the BBMP had carried out awareness in the shops and market to avoid the sale of plastic flags.

Another marshal from the East zone said, "Most of the plastic flags were with those selling flags at the traffic signals. Some vegetable and fruit vendors also had bulk plastic flags and we seized them. A majority of them had plastic flags too which were seized and the sellers were warned."

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'I am most privileged, lucky'



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privilege to hoist or lower the National Flag atop the Vidhana Soudha every day? I have been discharging this duty with devotion and commitment," he said.

Das cannot use his right hand like normal people. It has only a palm but no fingers. "I lost my fingers in an accident when I was nine years old. I was operating a sugarcane machine at a jiggery making unit; accidentally my right hand got stuck in the machine," he recalled.

He said he has been leading a happy life with his family and he is content with whatever money he is provided. "Apart from salary, I get Rs 50 honorarium for hoisting or lowering the National Flag. The honorarium was one rupee when I joined Vidhana Soudha in 1997. I have five more colleagues; we work in three shifts. The first shift begins at 7:00 am, second shift at 2:00 pm and third shift at 8:00 pm. Those on night duty have to hoist the National Flag the next morning as per the fixed timings," he said.

What is Das' desire or ambition, BM asked: "I am grateful to God for keeping me in good health. I want to continue hoisting or lowering the National Flag for as many years as possible. I have four more years to retire. I do not know what is in store," Das signed off with a smile of contentment.



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Dubious world of money lending apps

Call to blacklist professionals who help set up such apps that exploit borrowers

Digital small money lending apps backed by financial professionals are using dubious means in their business with borrowers bearing the brunt, experts have flagged.

These mobile apps offer loan of a few hundred rupees to about Rs 10,000.

"However, they hold back at least 25 per cent of the money in the name of processing fees and, further, the rate of interest is high in some cases, which is against the norm," says Bengaluru Additional Commissioner of Police, Raman Gupta.

He alleged that the role of financial professionals is shady in the operations of such kinds of instant loan apps on mobile phones.



Apps offer loans from few hundreds of rupees to about Rs 10,000

"There is a major role of chartered accountants and company secretaries and these finance professionals in setting up such instant money lending companies. They become directors and name someone else as the operator," Gupta told PTI.

Gupta who had investigated dubious businesses of some of these mobile applications even agrees with the idea of blacklisting such financial professionals.

"The applications are developed in India and there are many software

"The only way is awareness among people. No one should download them. Also, the digital money lending platforms should be regulated"

—Raman Gupta, Addl CP

engineers here to develop it but the brain behind this business model is Chinese," he stated.

Another expert said these platforms at the time of downloading the application get access to the phone calls, photographs and videos, which are used to blackmail the borrowers.

"In some cases, these digital loan apps make a profit as high as 2,100 per cent," he said.

According to Gupta, these money-lenders hardly hire any recovery agents as they use the photographs, videos and contacts to blackmail people to cough up the amount.

"For recovery of their dues from defaulters, these digital money lending operators send messages to the contacts accessed from the borrowers' phones, use the personal photographs and videos of the borrowers and in some cases morph the photograph of the money lenders and send them to the contacts on phone," Gupta said.

According to sources in the financial sector, the dubious means of digital money lending platform have claimed many lives, especially during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic when people were in dire need of money, and unable to pay back on time.

Police sources also pointed out at various instances of people ending their lives over the matter but did not divulge any numbers.

Gupta added "The only way is awareness among people against these applications. No one should download them. Also, the digital money lending platforms should be regulated and a policy should be formulated."

—PTI

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Do you know who I am?



Minister for Forest Umesh Katti seems to have been upset when he visited a Government Girls school recently. Many of the students who were squatting in the class (as this class has no benches for the students to sit) were surprised to see a new person entering the school. The minister's supporters tried to tell the girls to stand up and show respect to the minister. But, the minister decided to try his luck and find out from the students if they knew who he was. Though the minister kept on asking the students to identify him, the students had no answer. One of the students mustered courage to ask if he was a cop. The minister didn't stop here, he tried to quiz students who the Chief Minister and the PM are. For all that the students had the correct answers, but they had no inkling who was asking these questions. Finally, the minister had to tell students to check with his parents who the Forest Minister of Karnataka was.

Do you hate me?

'Do you hate me?' We kid you not, this was the question posed by Minister for Cooperation ST



Somashekar to journalists who were waiting to hear from him. During a press interaction, Somashekar was speak-

ing about Dasara preparations. One of the journalists asked him if he was also in the running for Chief Minister's post (as the Congress party had tweeted that BJP had decided to go for another Chief Minister). Taken aback by the question, Somashekar shot back saying, "Do you guys hate me? If you don't want me to continue, please tell me directly instead of pushing me in an embarrassing situation?" The netas around him had a hearty laugh as the minister tried to move away. Finally, he had to be cajoled into resuming his press briefing.

Political sequels



It is the age of sequels in South Indian movies. After Bahubali, KGF and Pushpa, many movies are being released in different chapters. This trend seems to have spread to the political arena too. After an infamous spat between KPCC chief DK Shivakumar and Minister for Higher Education Dr CN Ashwath Narayan, another one broke out between former Chief Minister HD Kumaraswamy and Narayan. HDK alleged that he had enough evidence against Narayan to be able to release it in sequels like chapter one, two and three! When Narayan was quizzed about it, he said that the former CM had mastered the art of firing in the air, adding that he too was waiting to watch those sequels.

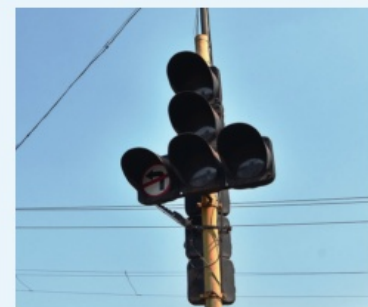
Watch your feet

Standing at the edge of a car door and waving to supporters seems to be the most favourite act of our netas. Prime Minister Narendra Modi did the same near Mehkri Circle when he was touring Bengaluru and Mysuru during yoga day. However, the recent such



public display was by Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah. Siddaramaiah was so overwhelmed by party supporters who were all across the road and even standing on the balcony to have a glimpse of their leader that he got carried away waving to them and was as he about to get into the car, he seemed to have slipped and was about to fall. However, his security personnel were quick to give a lending hand and ensure the leader was back in the seat.

'Pole' Dance



Police have a tough time managing signals. They were in for a surprise recently when a helmet-clad person started dancing on the streets when the signal turned red at key junctions. This was Mohan Acharya — who wearing a helmet and holding placards doing the traffic-awareness dance. "People don't realise the importance of following traffic rules unless there is a personal loss. I used to do videos on this but I wanted to step it up. I realised that many were not taking it seriously when I hold placards. So, I started dancing at signals wearing a helmet," he explains.

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As India celebrates the 75th year of Independence, many still assume that Bengalureans didn't play an active role in the struggle for freedom. But city-based historians say this is a false impression. Bengaluru was very much actively a part of the freedom movement.

Today, the Majestic area is considered an epicentre of the city's transport service due to the presence of intra-city, inter-city and inter-state bus stands, and railway and metro stations. However, during the freedom movement, the Majestic area was the epicentre for freedom activities.

Historian Suresh Moona tells BM, "The Tulasi Thota (next to Dhama-budhi lake) used to be the nerve centre for freedom struggle activities. All the prominent leaders of that time who visited the city would make it a point to address the people in the Thota area. Even today, the Thota area exists though hardly many know that this Thota area played a great role in getting us freedom."

The initial sacrifices

He says that during the Nariman movement of 1935, Khurshed Framji Nariman, popularly known as Veer Nariman, visited the Mysuru region in 1937. He addressed the gathering at Banappa Park. Hundreds had gathered to listen to him. Police made it a point to thwart the protests. There was a lathi charge and even firing. Three Bengalureans lost their lives. They were some early patriots who sacrificed their lives in Bengaluru.

There is a stone plaque next to a Ganesha temple near the State Bank of Mysuru Circle mentioning the names of the three people who lost their lives in the firing. "This monumental plaque today stands in a state of neglect, and hardly anyone knows its importance. It is time for us to preserve these historical records," Moona said. There is a memorial for all the freedom fighters near Banappa park. Many organise protests and programmes without knowing the significance, he added.

The places of ignition

The Tulasi Thota park is connected to the other part of the city by road (now called the Kempegowda road). Moona says this road used to be the city's meeting point for all the patriots. In fact, on many occasions, the people would wait for the British police or soldiers to pass by. Just before the horse mount soldiers would arrive, the people would throw ragi on the road to make the horses slip and fall on the ground.

Moona said, "I was quite lucky to have interviewed people like former Chief Minister S Nijalingappa and veteran freedom fighter HS Doreswamy who gave me a lot of insights about Bengaluru's freedom movement."

Freedom fighter Doreswamy's books mentions some factory workers in Bengaluru played an active part in reigniting the Quit India Movement.

"Doreswamy had told me that there was a police firing near National College too. For a TV programme, I accompanied Doreswamy to the Central jail which is now converted

FREEDOM IN THE HEART OF CITY

On I-Day, a look back at incredible sacrifices of Bengalureans in the freedom struggle



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Clockwise from top: The Tulasi Thota used to be hub of freedom struggle activities; Freedom Park; KG Road used to be meeting spot for freedom fighters; A memorial for freedom fighters stands at Banappa Park



to Freedom Park. Doreswamy had told me how many nationalists were jailed at the place. Doreswamy said how the freedom fighters tried to hoist a national flag inside the jail but were beaten up.

He also took me to a place where five people who were arrested during the Eesur protest were brought to

Central jail and hanged one after another. He showed me the cement platforms where the prisoners were forced to sleep," Moona informed.

He said the situation was so tough that the prisoners would call it their graves. "They had to eat, sleep and even do ablutions at the same place. I was at the place for a few minutes and

it became so suffocating. Then, I realised how difficult it could have been for the freedom fighters. It was only their spirit and love for the country which made them undergo all the pain and resist the brutality of British forces," he added.

Moona said, "During the Civil Disobedience Movement, workers,

led by Jagannath Pillay, started satyagraha in February 1932. A second batch from the city, led by GR Swamy, conducted picketing in front of cloth shops on February 15 that year. 135 workers were convicted and confined. In 1947, the Maharaja of Mysuru agreed to accede the state to the Indian Union, but the demand for a responsible government in the state was not conceded. The Congress gave a call to volunteers all over the state to do satyagraha in front of the Mysuru Palace."

Working class

According to Moona, the role played by the working class was remarkable. "The Government of India passed the Trade Union Act in 1926. Binny Mill did not care for the rights of labourers even after the passage of the Act. Congressmen like KT Bhashyam and AM Ramasharma, a journalist, led the workers' agitation for the recognition of their union, registered as a society, in 1926. The police fired on demonstrators, killing four. By 1936, mill workers had become a source of strength," Moona recalled.

Wave after wave

The freedom movement had picked up pace across the state. According to Dr Deepti Navaratna, a neuroscientist and author of The Maverick Maharaja, said, "After a significant Mysuru Congress board meeting in February 1938, the Congress decided to step up activities in Mysuru, which resulted in noted public agitations such as the Shivapura flag hoisting session, the Vidurashwatha incident and the Issuru rebellion."

The visit of Mahatma Gandhi on January 5, 1934, gave Congress visibility and a national status like never before. Diplomatic negotiations with the Diwan by National Congress leaders led to the symbolic hoisting of the Indian flag with the Mysuru flag, but the stalemate between the Praja Paksha, Congress and the Mysuru government continued during the time of Nalvadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar's death and Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar's coronation.

"Many political demonstrations erupted in Mysuru, notably headed by T Siddalingaiah, HC Dasappa, S Siddayya, KC Reddy, HK Veeranna Gowda, KT Bhashyam, T Subramanyam, K Hanumanthaiah, S Nijalingappa, MN Jois, and others. The Quit India Movement intensified ideas of swaraj that was interpreted by local leaders as demanding political control of Mysuru without the Diwan and the Maharaja's hold on the bicameral legislature," Navaratna added. She said that by responding to Mahatma Gandhi's Quit India Movement, a tiny village of patriots in Issuru, Shikaripur Taluk of Shimoga (Shivamogga) declared themselves free from colonial rule and established a small self-governing apparatus. Enraged, the British army was sent in to annex the village.

"On hearing the news of Issuru's rebellion, Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar launched into talks with the British administration and coined the immortal phrase, 'Eesuru kottaru Issuru kodevu' (We'll give you many villages but not Issuru). He convinced the governor general to condone the death sentences of the freedom fighters, and refused to allow the presence of the British in Issuru," she said.

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Rushdie condition improving, off ventilator



#New York

Salman Rushdie, the acclaimed author who was hospitalized on Friday with serious injuries after being repeatedly stabbed at a public appearance in New York state, is off a ventilator and his condition is improving, his agent said on Sunday.

"He's off the ventilator, so the road to recovery has begun," his agent, Andrew Wylie, wrote in an email to Reuters. "It will be long; the injuries are severe, but his condition is headed in the right direction."

Rushdie, 75, was set to deliver a lecture on artistic freedom at Chautauqua Institution in western New York when police say a 24-year-old man rushed the stage and stabbed the Indian-born writer, who has

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lived with a bounty on his head since his 1988 novel "The Satanic Verses" prompted Iran to urge Muslims to kill him.

The suspect, Hadi Matar of Fairview, New Jersey, pleaded not guilty to charges of attempted murder and assault at a court appearance on Saturday, his court-appointed lawyer, Nathaniel Barone, told Reuters.

Following hours of surgery, Rushdie had been put on a ventilator and was unable to speak as of Friday evening, Wylie said in a prior update on the novelist's condition, adding that he was likely to lose an eye and had nerve damage in his arm and wounds to his liver.

Wylie did not provide further details on Rushdie's health in his email on Sunday.

The stabbing was condemned by writers and politicians around the world as an assault on freedom of expression. In a statement on Saturday, President Joe Biden commended the "universal ideals" of truth, courage and resilience embodied by Rushdie and his work. "These are the building blocks of any free and open society," Biden said.

— Reuters

'Democracy grew in this soil and was enriched too'

In maiden address to nation, President hails India's achievements in overcoming covid crisis

#New Delhi

India has helped the world discover the true potential of democracy and the keyword for the country today is compassion for the downtrodden, needy and those on the margins, President Droupadi Murmu said on Sunday.

In her maiden address to the nation on the eve of the 76th Independence Day, Murmu said major economic reforms are being accompanied by innovative welfare initiatives and the world has seen "a new India rising in recent years, more so after the outbreak of covid-19". The president said when India won independence, there were many international leaders and experts who were sceptical about the success of the democratic form of government in India due to poverty and illiteracy at that time.

"But we Indians proved the sceptics wrong. Democracy not only grew roots in this soil, it was enriched too," she said as she asked citizens to pledge to give everything for the sake of the safety, security, progress and prosperity of the country. The president, in her 17-minute address, also complimented the policymakers for ensuring the growth of the country that has become



more inclusive with reduced regional disparities.

"Our response to the pandemic has been appreciated everywhere. We launched the biggest vaccination drive in human history with vaccines manufactured in the country itself. Last month we crossed the 200-crore mark in cumulative vaccine coverage," said Murmu.

She said in combating the pandemic, India's achievements have been better than those of many developed countries. "For this feat, we are grateful to our scientists, doctors, nurses, paramedics and the staff associated with vac-



President Droupadi Murmu's portrait made with the help of 5,000 quintal pieces of wood on the eve of Independence Day in Indore (Left) President Murmu addresses the nation

cination," she said. The president said the pandemic uprooted lives and also economies in the world. "When the world has been battling the economic consequences of the great crisis, India got its act together and is now moving forward. India is among the fastest growing major economies in the world" whose start-up ecosystem ranks high in the world.

The president said "our existence will become meaningful only in building a glorious India" and quoted a poem of poet Kuvempu 'I will pass, So will you, But on our bones will arise the great tale of a new India'. She said this is a clarion call of the nationalist poet for making a complete sacrifice for the motherland and the uplift of fellow citizens.

— PTI

Maha CM Shinde allocates portfolios

#Mumbai

Five days after the induction of 18 ministers into his cabinet, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde on Sunday distributed portfolios, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) getting several key ministries, including the Home and Finance that will be handled by Deputy CM Devendra Fadnavis. Shinde kept Urban Development and 11 other ministries with himself.

Shinde had taken oath as the chief minister on June 30 with the support of the BJP. Fadnavis was sworn in as his deputy. In addition to Home and Finance and Planning, Fadnavis will also



handle Law and Judiciary, Water Resources, Housing, Energy and Protocol portfolios.

Another important portfolio - the Revenue Department - has been given to BJP leader Radhakrishna Vikhe Patil, who

had quit the Congress a few months before the 2019 Assembly elections to join the saffron party.

Shinde had expanded his two-member ministry on Tuesday, 41 days after taking oath as the chief minister by inducting 18 ministers - nine each from his rebel Shiv Sena group and the BJP. However, the list did not include any woman. Apart from the Urban Development Department, CM Shinde has kept many portfolios including General Administration Department, Public Works Department (public sector undertakings), Information and Public Relations, Transport, Marketing and Social Justice.

— PTI

Minister defiant over firing row

#Hyderabad

Telangana's Minister for Prohibition and Excise V Srinivas Goud on Sunday rejected the demand by the opposition parties for his resignation for opening fire into air from a service weapon belonging to a policeman during the Freedom rally.

Reiterating that he fired only a rubber bullet, the minister alleged that the opposition parties were doing cheap politics over the issue.

Speaking at a programme here, he said that the opposition parties were trying to create an issue despite his clarification that it was only a rubber bullet.

— IANS

Jhunjhunwala: The RARE big bull; unabashed wealth creator

#Mumbai

Stock market investments are always said to involve risks and people who made big fortunes often made headlines as scammers, leading to Dalal Street always being looked at with suspicion, but Rakesh Jhunjhunwala was broadly an exception.

Jhunjhunwala, a partner at RARE Enterprises, who rose to amass a USD 5.8 billion fortune and earn the tag of the country's biggest individual

investor, leaves behind a relatively cleaner slate, as was seen in the most common description for him -- 'India's own Warren Buffett'.

Jhunjhunwala was unabashed about wealth creation and strutted his connections flamboyantly, a sign of the shift to a market-based economy in early 1990s taking root.

It was Jhunjhunwala's long-term, research-based bets on stocks like Titan and Indian Hotels Company



which made him one of the biggest names in the Indian markets.

Every move in his portfolio was tracked closely by the growing number of investors in India.

Some of the bets, especially in the infrastructure space, did not pay off for Jhunjhunwala. But the proverbial 'humbling effect' was missing, as he would often succeed in some other stock, showcasing his Midas touch. Outspokenness and wit came

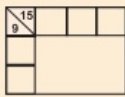
to define Jhunjhunwala. Unlike his contemporaries Jhunjhunwala participated in industry seminars.

His newest venture in the heavily-regulated airlines sector, Akasa Air, also had a smooth take off. At the inauguration of Akasa Air's flight operations at Mumbai airport on August 7, Jhunjhunwala was sitting in a wheelchair and looked frail, leading many to express concerns about his health.

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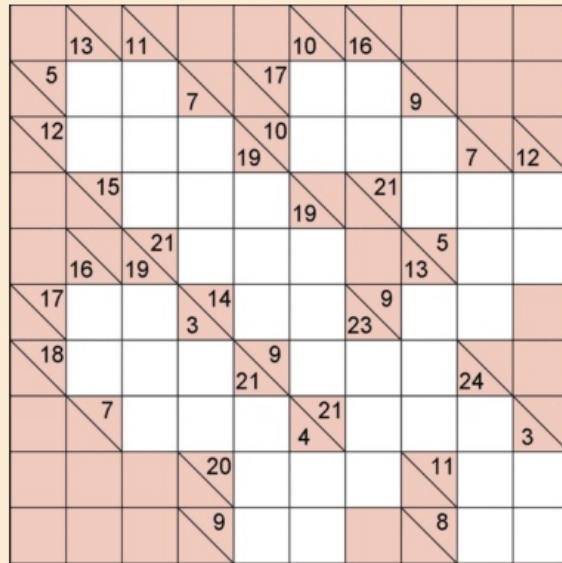
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The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

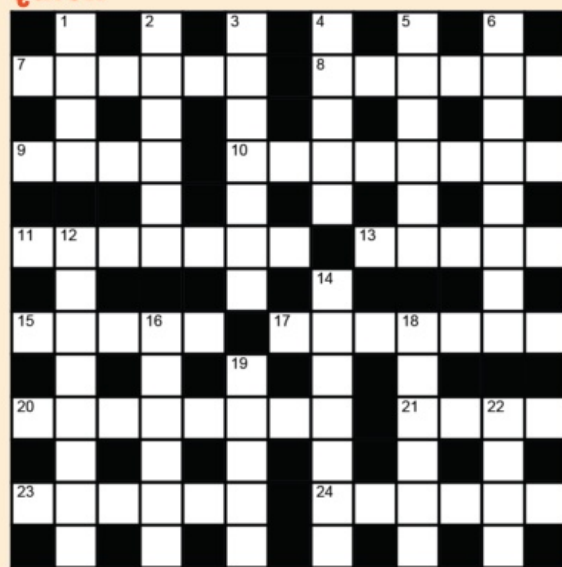


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 7 Car house (6)
- 8 A dance epic (6)
- 9 Wooden-soled shoe (4)
- 10 Persuade (4,4)
- 11 Transport charges? (7)
- 13 Jokes; makes fun of? (5)
- 15 Medicines (5)
- 17 Remark (7)
- 20 Renounce throne (8)
- 21 Shakespearean king (4)
- 23 Stems (6)
- 24 English river (6)

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- 1 Ex-Windies paceman Wes ____ (4)
- 2 Nabbed (6)
- 3 Savings for a rainy day (4,3)
- 4 A Eurasian tree - "Be lea" anagram? (5)
- 5 Seinfeld regular (6)
- 6 0950 hrs. or 2150 hrs.? (3,2,3)
- 12 Gymnasts (8)
- 14 Indigence (7)
- 16 Interrogates (6)
- 18 Cuisine which is a fusion of Kodava and Mangalorean (6)
- 19 Hesitate (5)
- 22 Ex-England wicket keeper Leslie ____ (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS T
XSQPRAJAVV, J. RWA FSVR IN-
NAXRIDQA WUXSNLPVU.



Linemaro

You look a lot like my future wife



Mindchow

A grandmother is a baby sitter who watches the kids instead of the television



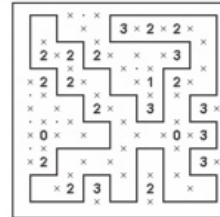
Joke of the day

Microchip - The crumbs in the bag after you've eaten the chips

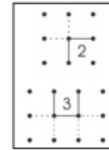
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

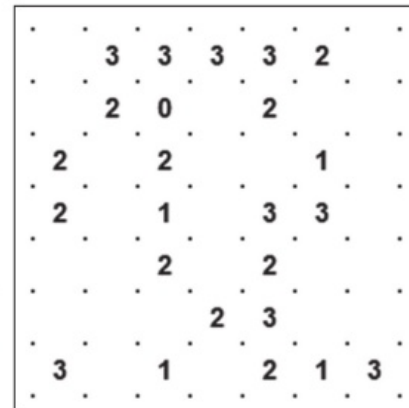


(Fig B) Not Allowed

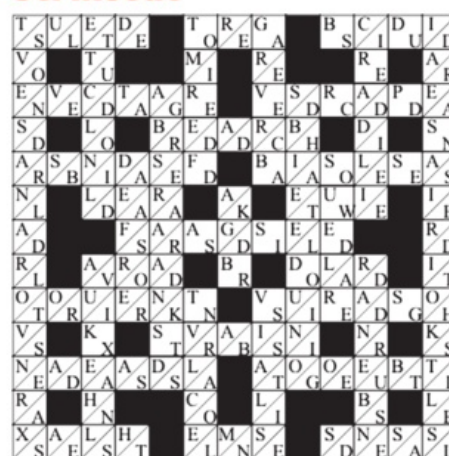
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



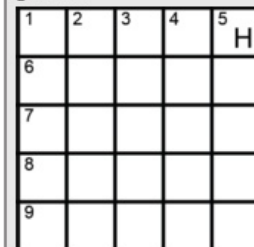
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

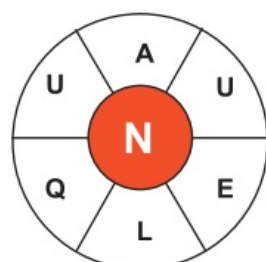
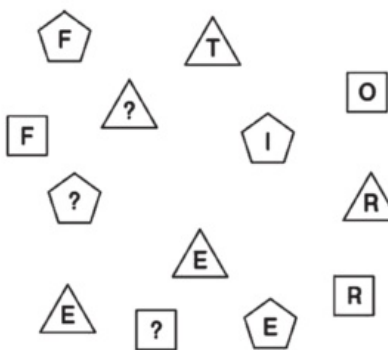
- 1 Paths; 6 RU car;
- 7 I grid; 8 Beaus;
- 9 Sperm

DOWN

- 1 Carps; 2 Tiber;
- 3 A guru; 4 Prims;
- 5 Ashed

Mensapuzzle

What letters should replace the question marks?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ = 11

3 5 5 8

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ = 6

3 4 7 8

Hard

□ □ □ □ □ = 25

2 5 5 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Word on sign is different. 2. Door is different. 3. Wheel is larger. 4. Box in window is moved. 5. Building is not as wide. 6. Hat is different.

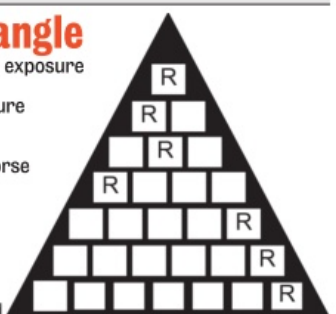
Riddler

Can you figure out this rebus? D N A T S, D

Alpha triangle

- 1 A unit of radiation exposure
- 2 Again, prefix
- 3 Metric land measure
- 4 Assign a value to
- 5 After
- 6 Headgear for a horse
- 7 Shoe material

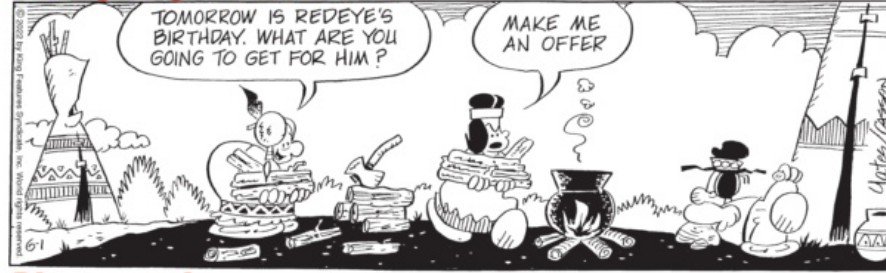
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you are in a winning position in terms of your opponents and hidden enemies. Your money which was stuck may be recovered today. You may perform your best at work. Today is an important day for lovebirds and singles to make important decisions in terms of marriage.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today you are blessed by the moon. You can make new plans in terms of your business and your colleagues support you for the same. You may recover your stuck money from your clients, which may boost liquidity in business. After late evening, you may feel some depression, which can affect your sound sleep.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you are advised to control your way of speaking in the family. Harsh speaking may affect your family harmony. You may spend your hard-earned money on buying worthless items to maintain your social status. You may face problems related to ears, teeth, and throat.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today is a good day for you. Last week's crunches are over now. You may re-initiate postponed projects. You may get rewards for your hard work, which may boost your confidence. There are some gains in your business which may boost your finances. Those related to export and import, fashions, dairy products may do better.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you have control over your opponents and hidden enemies. Decisions in legal matters may be in your favour. Your seniors may be happy because of your hard work; you may get new responsibilities in terms of promotions. Singles may find their soulmate.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today is a good day for you. You have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work and domestic life may also be good. Healthy partnerships will give you benefits in terms of business. Job seekers will find suitable work. Lovebirds should avoid self-respect issues.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today you may feel dull and may have health issues. Overworking your mind can make you tired. It may affect your domestic harmony. You may arrive late to a social or family get-together. Losses may be possible in business; it is advised not to invest into new business. Lovebirds should avoid being involved in controversies.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today you may be happy. You can plan to buy some creative items, which may improve your lifestyle. You may also spend on your friends and family members. You may plan to make investments in assets. Singles may find a good match; lovebirds may enjoy important moments.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you must control your way of speaking. You should be careful in terms of hidden enemies and opponents. You may be a victim of conspiracy. It is advised to avoid making investments in risky assets. You must avoid lending money to anyone as it may not be recoverable easily. It is advised to meditate and do yoga to relieve stress.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you will be polite to the people around you. Many problems are likely to be resolved with the tone of speaking. There may be some control between savings and expenditures, which may boost your finances. You may spend on some creative items to renovate your house.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you may be seeking peace of mind. The moon's blessings may help you focus on yourself. Investments in property and other assets are advised to be delayed. You may have some happy moments in your domestic life, but it is advised to avoid arrogance and ego with your spouse. Disputes with business partners will be resolved.



Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you will be a victim of negative thoughts. Impatient nature and arrogance will push you back from making difficult decisions. You will be in need of guidance from your elders, which will help you to grow on your work front. Avoid investments in dead assets. Lovebirds should avoid bad moments.



KIDZONE



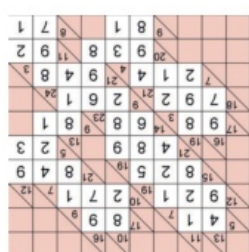
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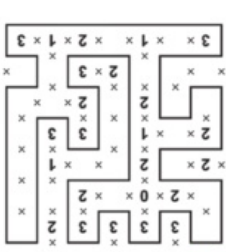
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SOLUTIONS



KAKURO



LOOP



ALPHA TRIANGLE



SUDOKU



MENSA PUZZLE



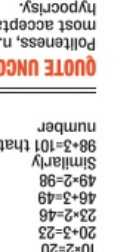
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULLS' EYE



SOLVE IN 10

Write choice



After acting in several movies, Chitrangda Singh tried her hand at production with Diljit Dosanjh starrer Soorma (2018). The actress did enjoy the process and is also exploring other activities that test her creative side. In our last interaction, she opened up about her love for writing. Now, the actress tells us how her hobby has made her a better artiste.

She shares, "I started writing in 2015. It has made me understand the medium better. Today, I know what kind of prep I need to do, because when you are a writer... you understand the graph, you understand how the character evolves, how every single nuance makes him/her even more believable. So, you are not just... say a woman in love, but you are also a woman in love, who is jealous so how do you play the second emotion at the same time. This kind of detailing started coming after I started writing."

—Onkar Kulkarni, ETimes

Well-planned

Actor Esha Gupta reveals back-up career option; speaks about comparison between artistes and marriage plans



Former Miss India and Bollywood actress Esha Gupta who was recently in Lucknow, spoke to ETimes about several things including memes that came out after actor Ranveer Singh's nude photoshoot. A few compared Ranveer's picture with one that Esha had posted of herself on social media. When asked about it Esha commented with a laugh, "When the whole controversy happened, I was traveling, and I came back and suddenly I saw all the memes. I think there are many other important things in our country which need to be highlighted than drawing comparisons between two artistes."

With several projects in hand and shooting for a thriller currently, Esha firmly believes that everyone should have a backup plan for their career. "Not only as an artist but as a person, everyone should have a backup plan, and why not! My backup is to go and sit for my final Bar exam so that I can practice law because I have the degree and I just have to clear my bar exam. Also, acting was never my plan. I always wanted to become a lawyer and I became an actor by chance."

In a steady relationship with Spanish businessman Manuel Campos Guallar, Esha says marriage is definitely on the cards for her. "Marriage is definitely on the cards for me but I do not know when it is going to happen. I have never been against marriage," she says.

—Vivek Kumar



SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Remake, 30 years on

Malashri and Sunil-starrer Belli Kalungura (Silver Toe-ring) was a huge success at the box-office three decades ago. The movie released in January 1992 was bankrolled by Sa Ra Govindu and veteran director KV Raju handled the megaphone, while H Vasu was the associate director. The movie not only set cash registers ringing, but also propelled Malashri into fame.

Now, Sa Ra Govindu has decided to re-make the film with the same title starring Samarth and Dhanya Ramkumar in the lead roles. Vasu will be directing this movie. Former chief minister Siddaramaiah was the chief guest at the muhurat function of the film held at Sri Kanteerava Studios on Friday. Siddaramaiah sounded the clap board and wished the cast and crew all the best.



Belli Kalungura is Dhanya Ramkumar's third Kannada movie after Ninna Sanihake and Kaalapathar. "I am lucky to get this opportunity. I play a girl who returns to

Karnataka from London after higher studies. The Malashri-starrer had created history three decades ago. My family members encouraged me take up this role. I am paired opposite Samarth who is making his debut in Sandalwood with this movie," Dhanya said.

Director Mahendar is back

Director S Mahendar known for hits such as Karpoorada Gombe, Snehaloka and Ninagaagi is back with the movie Pampa (Panchahalli Parashivamurthy) after a gap of five years. His previous movie – Once More Kaurava – was released in November 2017.

"I did try to discourage producer Lakshmikanth V who owns Total Kannada, the largest Kannada book shop at Jayanagar 4th Block, not to bankroll this movie because it is not easy to make a movie with focus on Kannada language. But, Lakshmikanth insisted that I direct this movie."

Music director Hamsalekha introduced Lakshmikanth to me," said Mahendar.

He said he prefers to make movies with newcomers as it facilitates focusing

on the content instead of the artistes. "I don't believe in glorification of artistes. My focus will be on the content and good music and lyrics," he said.

Pampa's soundtrack was released at Sri Chamundeshwari Studios on Saturday evening. Veteran director TS Nagabharana and well-known writer Jogi did the honours.

Producer Lakshmikanth said with this, he is realising his long-pending desire to produce a Kannada movie. "I had nourished an ambition to make a Kannada movie during my school days. I must thank director Mahendar and music director Hamsalekha for helping me realise my dream. Arrangements have been made for the film to release on September 9," said Lakshmikanth.



Producer Lakshmikanth V and director S Mahendar

Rule 34 wins Golden Leopard

The Golden Leopard prize for best film was awarded to 'Rule 34', a Brazilian drama directed by Julia Murat, at the 2022 Locarno International Film Festival.

Rule 34 is the story of a young law student whose sexual desires lead her into a world of violence and eroticism.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, the feature is a disturbing look at a young law student who by day passionately defends the rights of women in domestic abuse cases and by night performs in front of a live sex cam.

'Tengo Suenos Electricos', a family drama from Costa Rican filmmaker Valentina Maurel, took home three awards at



Isabela Mariotto, Sol Miranda, director Julia Murat and Lucas Andrade attend the 'Regra 34 (Rule 34)' photocall

Locarno: best director for Maurel; both acting accolades; and best actress and best acting for performers Daniela Marn Navarro and Reinaldo Amien Gutierrez, respectively.

Navarro portrays 16-year-old Eva, who goes in with her estranged father (Gutierrez) in an effort to escape her oppressive home life with her mother and younger sister.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, 'The Adventures of Gigi the Law', directed by Italian filmmaker Alessandro Comodin, won the Locarno jury prize. The movie follows Gigi, a traffic inspector in rural Italy who starts looking into a mysterious wave of youthful suicides. —ANI